

## **MINUTES OF THE WHEELING SENIOR COMMISSION**

**1-Call to Order.** The rescheduled July meeting was called to order on July 12, 2018, at 10:05 a.m., by chairman Gerry Malin.

**2-Roll Call.** Pat Miller took the roll call and Jackie Portnoy, Joanie Purvin, and Corky Weber were absent. [For future reference, Alysia Miller-Goldstein is no longer associated with the Village of Wheeling, and Corky Weber has resigned from the Commission].

**3-Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion duly made by Michael Kohen and seconded by MaryAnn Marabella, the minutes of the June 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

**4-Chairman's Report.** Gerry Malin introduced Isabella Licciardello (Bella), Recreation Services Director at the Wheeling Park District, who will be joining our Commission as a liaison member. Welcome! After the introduction, Bella Licciardello stated that at the moment there will be no changes made in the programs already in place, Monday through Friday. She encouraged the Commission to forward any suggestions to her to possibly be added to the present schedules. Gerry Malin stated that the Commission still needs to set up a table in the CRC lobby, perhaps twice a month, to keep the seniors informed as to the construction/remodeling of the CRC and the services which are now available to Wheeling seniors. This information should also be included in the newsletters. It is common knowledge that some seniors are not attending their programs due to the status of the CRC and the parking problems; we don't want to lose them due to lack of information.

**5(A) Senior Services Report.** Shari Huizar reported that the lunch program is holding its own. There will be a reception at Village Hall with the Police Department, the Park District, and the Commission on hand to answer questions. Pat Miller questioned why the Village did not exercise the option under the lease agreement for the sale of the Pavilion building to stay there another year. Shari Huizar did not know; the members at Pavilion might have had the opportunity to stay there until more of the reconstruction was further along. Bruce Sembach asked where the money from the sale of the Pavilion had gone; that amount (\$1.4 M) has been put into the general fund/TIF accounts. There also seems to be some confusion in the use of the name tags at the lunch program. It has always been suggested that at least one seat at a lunch table be left open for new attendees. Sometimes those who have made a reservation do not show up; perhaps a sign could be posted reminding older adults about "manners". The newsletter will be handled by Senior Services until the end of 2018, and then it will be handled by the Park District.

**5(B) Program Update.** Bella Licciardello again stated that any suggestions for programs be sent along to her. The pre-school program starts up on August 19, 2018, so the program room assignments will have to be changed again.

**6-Old Business.** There was no old business.

**7-New Business.** Shari Huizar mentioned that 2018 was the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Village of Wheeling. This party will not be handled by the Village but by an independent group. Several Commission members volunteered to help. The village clerk will be at the August meeting to swear in those commissioners who were not sworn in at the June Village board meeting. We

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**1-Call to Order.** The June 7, 2018, meeting of the Wheeling Senior Commission was called to order by chairman Gerry Malin [WELCOME BACK!] at 10:04 a.m.

**2-Roll Call.** Pat Miller took roll call and Jackie Portnoy, Bobi Spiegel, and Corky Weber were absent; Pat Hawkins arrived late due to the bus not arriving to pick her up.

**3- Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion duly made by Joannie Purvin and seconded by Marshall Kaplan, the minutes of the May 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

**4-Chairman's Report.** Gerry Malin took time to thank everyone who called, sent cards, or stopped by to see him during his absence. Gerry Malin also thanked Michael Kohen for chairing our meetings during his absence. During the renovation and construction we still have options to be present at the CRC to solicit new members. If we could set up a table in the CRC lobby a couple of times a month, we could update seniors on the progress of the renovation, inform them of the continuing programs, and let them know how easy it is to join any programs of their choice. The volunteers present would not need to be a commission member. Shari Huizar will have to check on the availability of this procedure.

**5(A)-Senior Services.** Shari Huizar reported that Bruce Sembach has been approved to be a commissioner. The re-commissioning of the present commissioners will take place on June 18, 2018, at the Village Board meeting, along with Bruce Sembach's induction. Shari Huizar asked to see a show of hands of persons who still would like to serve as a commissioner to be re-commissioned on June 18; all present commissioners raised their hands. Evidently our Senior Commission is the largest commission of the viable Village Commissions. Shari Huizar will have to check with the Village to see if they will allow our Senior Commission to continue to have 11 members. A representative from the Park District will be present at the lunch program at St. Joseph's social hall on Monday, June 18, 2018, to give an update on the construction. This will occur right after lunch. Shari Huizar also mentioned that we might want to move up the July meeting to the following Thursday (July 12, 2018) due to the closeness of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Upon motion duly made by MaryAnn Mirabella and seconded by Joanie Purvin, the motion to move the July meeting to Thursday, July 12, 2018, was approved. It then becomes a Special Meeting since it was not on the original meeting schedule. The lunch program seems to be holding its own; some people come just for the entertainment and not for lunch. Jesus Delgado recognizes new people as they come to the lunch program and always asks them if they would like to sign up. It is always recommended that newcomers are made to feel welcome and that they should not be sitting alone. The newsletter is being redesigned and will also keep seniors updated on the renovation.

**5(B) Program Update.** Alysia Miller-Goldstein reviewed the upcoming programs and brought a stack of newsletters which commissioners should take for distribution. Joannie Purvin asked if there was some way of separating programs which have been assigned to one room making it difficult for both programs to carry on. Right now that might not be possible.

**6-Old Business.** There was no old business.

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1-**Call to Order**. The May 3, 2018, meeting of the Wheeling Senior Commission was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by vice chairman Michael Kohen.

2-**Roll Call**. Pat Miller took roll call and Gerry Malin, Corky Weber, and Shari Huizar were absent

3-**Approval of Minutes**. Upon motion duly made by Maryann Mirabella and seconded by Joannie Purvin, the minutes of the April 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

4-**Chairman's Report**. Michael Kohen reported that the presentation in the lobby of the CRC went well. The Wheeling Senior Foundation was selling the Fannie May candy bars which seemed to attract people to the location. During the reconstruction of the CRC there will not be an opportunity to put up a table. May 24, 2018, will be the 50-90 luncheon to be held at the social hall of St. Joseph the Worker.

5(A)- **Senior Services Update**. Since Shari Huizar was absent there was no update

(B) **Program Update**. Alysia Miller-Goldstein reviewed the upcoming programs and the newsletters in the center of the table which the commissioners should take for distribution. There was discussion about the availability of some programs during the CRC reconstruction, and the staff will do its best to cope with the situation.

6-**Old Business**. There was no old business.

7-**New Business**. The reconstruction of the CRC will also involve the movement of the main entrance to the CRC. The ground-breaking is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Hopefully, their timeline for completion of this project will be on time.

8-**Citizens' Comments and Concerns**. Bruce Sembach remarked that people seemed to be interested in the lobby presentation, especially the candy sales!

9-**Announcements**. Officer Laverd said that crime is still evident in Wheeling, including telephone scams, house break-ins, drugs, and gangs. As the weather improves to warmer temperatures, the crime normally does increase. Officer Laverd also passed out the credit card protection sleeves to all commission members. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 5, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

10-**Adjournment**. Upon motion duly made by Marshall Kaplan and seconded by Maryann Mirabella, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Miller, Recording Secretary  
Wheeling Senior Commission

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**1-Call to Order.** The April 5, 2018, meeting of the Wheeling Senior Commission was called to order by vice chairman Michael Kohen at 10:02 a.m.

**2-Roll Call.** Pat Miller took roll call and Gerry Malin and Alysia Miller-Goldstein were absent.

**3-Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion duly made by Pat Hawkins and seconded by Corky Weber, the minutes of the March 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

The speaker function on the regular landline phone in the meeting room was set up so Gerry Malin could participate in the meeting.

**4-Chairman's Report.** In Gerry Malin's absence, Michael Kohen gave the chairman's report. He wanted to thank the persons who volunteered to help with the presentation table at the CRC lobby and we had a positive response. Also, a special thanks to Shari Huizar and Diana Murillo for their help. In May the Outreach Committee may do the same thing on Monday and Wednesday one week and Monday and Friday the following week. There was some confusion over the refreshments but that was straightened out.

**5-(A) Senior Services Report.** Shari Huizar wanted to quell some rumors about programs and trips, etc.; those are not going away! It has been a little stressful coordinating the staff from Pavilion and the CRC staff, especially due to limited personnel and vacations, etc., but the programs and trips will continue although there may be a hiatus in the frequency on a temporary basis. The volunteer dinner will be Monday, April 16, 2018, starting at 5:00 p.m. in room 205 at the CRC. Unfortunately, the Village chose the same date for their volunteer recognition, so with entertainment being planned for the dinner, it probably will not be possible to attend the Village meeting. (We can watch on TV!). There have been some comments from the lunch program attendees about the chairs being used do not have arms, and there has been a couple of instances where diners with special needs needed help getting up with no arms to lean on. There does not seem to be a good answer since even if chairs were moved in for lunch they would have to be removed over the weekend. The inspections by the police department and the fire department were successful; the health department comes in every 6 months. The coffee bar in the CRC lobby will now be made later for some of our programs; people will have to bring it upstairs or bring their own. Calls can be made to Senior Services until 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 1:00 p.m. on Fridays at the 847-459-2670 number. After those times the number would be 847-459-2606 which is a general number. *By speaker phone from Gerry Malin:* It would be nice to try and create the atmosphere we had at Pavilion. Gerry Malin will try and make up a list of volunteers for interaction with CRC attendees. The first try although additional senior information was brought over to the CRC it was not used. The newsletter is at the printer.

**5-(B) Program Update.** Since Alysia Miller-Goldstein was not at the meeting there were no program updates.

**6-Old Business.** There was no old business.

**7-New Business.** Officer Laverd reported that home burglaries are on the increase (what the Police department calls RUSE burglaries). Perpetrators will try to get into the home and if they do, one of them will distract the owner and they steal any valuables they can find. No one should leave any valuables in obvious places in their home; put things in a safety box at a bank or some other safe place so they can't be found. Officer Laverd is still working on a date for a possible senior expo. Corky Weber asked if the protective shields for credit cards were still available and Officer Laverd said he would bring some to the next meeting.

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1- **Call to Order.** The March 1, 2018, meeting of the Wheeling Senior Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Michael Kohen at 10:02 a.m.

2- **Roll Call.** Pat Miller took roll call and Gerry Malin and Kathy Pico were absent. Kathy Pico has submitted her resignation from the Commission effective at the end of February, 2018.

3- **Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion duly made by Joannie Purvin and seconded by Roberta Vollreide, the minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted.

4- **Chairman's Report.** In the absence of Chairman Gerry Malin, Michael Kohen gave the Chairman's report. Michael Kohen reported on the possible set up at the CRC to inform seniors of the programs now at the CRC. A table could be placed in the entrance lobby, with possible food trays, newsletters, and any information to introduce seniors to the programs. Coffee is already set up in this area. It would be an initial set up, for 2 weeks, daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., beginning as soon as possible since the longer we wait the less likely some seniors may not be interested. It is also a way of meeting and socializing with other seniors. A list of volunteers will be formed.

5(A)- **Senior Services Report.** Shari Huizar reported that Age Options had visited and was impressed with the set up for the lunch program. At the February 2, 2018, meeting of the Wheeling Foundation, not many seniors have joined the Foundation. Shari Huizar suggested that since we do not pay a membership dues now, the \$20.00 Foundation membership fee could be submitted to the Foundation since they are paying a portion of the rental at St. Joseph's social hall for the lunch program. Shari Huizar is receiving calls for the SHIP insurance programs; direct marketing from the media (which does not specify any dates) may be helping to increase the calls. There is a slight decline in the attendance at the lunch program—weather may be a factor.

5(B)- **Program Update.** Alysia Miller-Goldstein reported that the Wheeling Pavilion newsletters will all now be mailed since there is no central location to place them for pickup or distribution. Alysia Miller-Goldstein brought several copies of the current newsletter for Commission members to take and distribute.

6- **Old Business.** There was no old business.

7- **New Business.** Officer Laverd has made some inquiries as to places for a Senior Expo to possibly held around September 14, 2018. We would need at least one room. Hopefully the construction at the CRC will be under way which would prohibit having it at the CRC.

Committee Reports. MaryAnn Marabella reported that Carson's coupon books may be available soon if volunteers can be used for distribution. The Fannie May candy will be available on a case-to-case basis. Both projects will be handled by the Wheeling Senior Foundation as fund raisers. The possibility of a Mix and Mingle event may be held during the summer. Due to construction, it may be inside or outside; a restaurant such as Lou Malnati's was also suggested.

8- **Citizens' Comments or Concerns.** Bruce Sembach mentioned that since only 38 people showed up at the Foundation meeting on March 22, 2018, would there be any way to market or advertise the Foundation in order to bring in more people (and funds). That possibility will be passed along to the Foundation.

9- **Announcements.** The next meeting will be April 5, 2018. Officer Laverd also mentioned another scam that is going on: If you are forwarding mail, either for vacation or moving, make sure the post office has the correct information (they don't ask for identification when a form is filed) and persons have filed